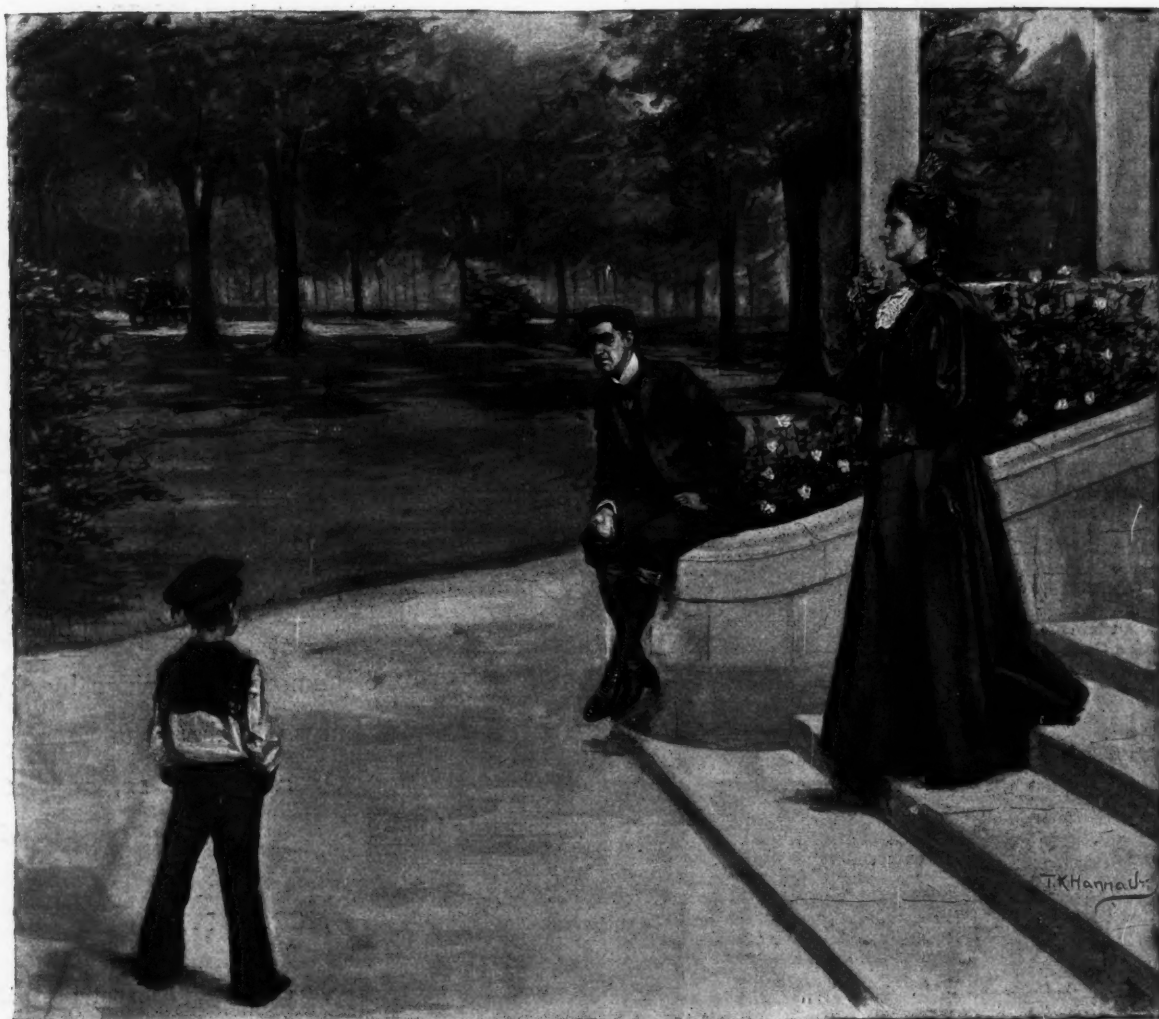
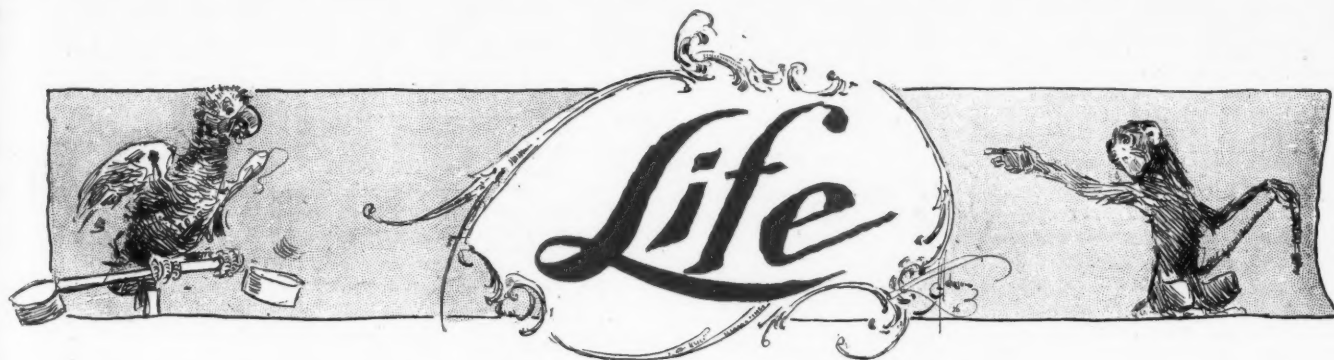


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Second Shade: WHAT'S THAT?
"WE CAN SMOKE."

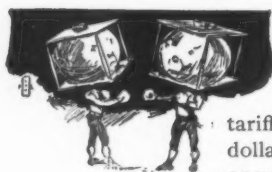


"While there is Life there's Hope."

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THE obliteration of all political issues but one in the present stage of this year's presidential campaign is complete. No one talks of tariff. The only issue now is whether a dollar is to continue to be worth a dollar, or not. On that issue there seems to be no rumor or prospect of compromise. The gold men will vote for whoever stands best for the gold standard, not as a matter of politics, but one of bread and butter. They believe, as LIFE does, that in fighting silver coinage they are opposing a delusion the ascendancy of which would be disastrous to the whole country and just as bad in the end for the South and West as for the East. The two great parties in the country at this writing are the Gold party and the Silver party. The old parties are in temporary eclipse.



have helped matters, Mr. Depew would have suggested it and applied the remedy before now. But arbitration seems not to be useful in this case, and indeed there seems no way out of it but for Mr. Vanderbilt to accept his disappointment and grin and bear it. The case might be a great deal worse. The young man is a youth of good character; the lady he has chosen is in no respect an impossible person. Mr. Vanderbilt is believed to be a

MR. CORNELIUS VANDERBILT

is much respected by his fellow-citizens and it grieves many of them that he should find cause for such obvious discomfort in the matrimonial intentions of his oldest son. Mr. Vanderbilt is doubtless very much accustomed to have his own way, and so no doubt in a lesser degree is his son; and now that the son's wishes and the father's are in conflict it makes a complication for which there is no easy cure. If arbitration could

just man and it is not likely that his son will ever come to want. If the father should determine that Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., seems unsuited to be burdened with the bulk of the family accumulations and should assign him merely such a fortune as may suffice to maintain him in comfort, no one need quarrel with that decision, not even the younger Vanderbilt and his bride.

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THE list of members of that Sherman Statue Committee which rejected the choice

of the art experts reads like the roll of a Kentucky vestry. Every man who is not a colonel is a general. The expediency of selecting men of military or legislative experience to exercise nice discrimination in matters of art is not very apparent.

The Boston Transcript tells of eighteen bills that were recently pending in Congress for monuments to be erected in Washington, costing from \$25,000 to \$500,000 apiece, the expenditure in each case being entrusted to a separate committee of statesmen. If Congress is going to put up monuments by wholesale, it would be well another year to provide for the better conduct of that business by getting together some expert committee to which the construction of all monuments ordered could be referred. If a committee cannot be found which is competent to make a wise choice from designs submitted, at least one might be got together which was capable of confirming the choice of a commission of experts.

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THE proposal of the University of Toronto to confer an honorary degree on Dr. Goodwin Smith aroused so much hostility that Dr. Smith has decided to worry along with such degrees as he already has (including an LL. D. from Oxford) and has declined Toronto's polite attentions in advance. The trouble was that Dr. Smith believes in the annexation of Canada to the United States. Free speech seems to be at a premium in Canada.

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ALL blessings have their little drawbacks. One of the less felicitous results attributed to civil service reform is that Congressmen, having very much less patronage than formerly, are saved the trouble of running about after offices for their constituents and have much more time than they used to have for legislation. Hence, perhaps, their eagerness to meddle with everything, and the relief that the country feels in having them out of Washington at last and dispersed to their homes.

THE SUMMER ARM.

[NOT A NEW COMPLAINT.]

AS oft as summer comes around,
I view with much alarm
A certain mystic malady
That settles in my arm;
It doesn't burn, or pain, or ache,
Or feel rheumatic thrills,
And yet with keen anxiety
My mind it always fills.

While sitting in a boat or car,
Upon the news intent,
I'm shocked to find the way my poor
Afflicted arm is bent—
As soon as I'm not looking, or
My thoughts are called away,
Around the seat that's next to me
That arm begins to stray.

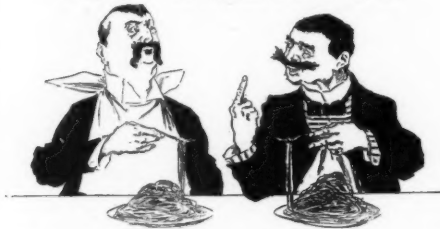
You see how troublesome it is
To have an arm like mine,
That just as soon as summer comes
Begins to bend and twine;
I think I'll have to go away
And search from east to west
Till I have found some small waist-place
Where my poor arm can rest.

Wallace Dunbar Vincent.



HANS UP.

THE POWER OF SPAGHETTI.
A STORY OF AN ITALIAN DINNER TABLE.



THE STORY OF A
MAGAZINE AND
A MAN.

A CERTAIN rich young man, whom a University had just given the freedom of the world, decided he would become famous.

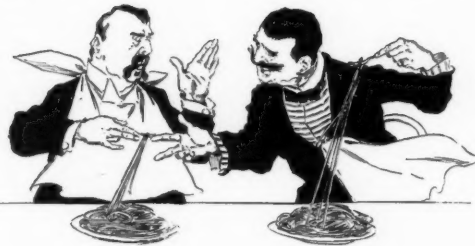
Going to the nearest lunatic asylum he secured the release of the patient whose intellect was most hopelessly distorted. At a neighboring eye infirmary he procured a person of absolutely inaccurate vision.

With the assistance of these two—one as editor, the other as art director—he started a New Magazine.

It was a huge success. Nobody understood it and everybody bought it.

He was famous.

But he lost both his mind and his eyes from trying to read his own magazine.



THE LAW AND THE SCORCHER.

ONE of the blessings that contemporary humanity owes to the bicycle is the current newspaper paragraph which tells how the bicycle-policeman—vulgarly known as the cop-on-wheels—pursued and captured the lawless and disdainful scorchers. The race between the scorchers and the cop glows with sport and bristles with hair-breadth escapes. Justice is always triumphant, so the moral effect of the stories is good.

HOW lucky it is there are no taxes on air-castles!



The moral of which is that you may buy an infirmity, but you cannot bribe it to stay away.

Percival Pollard.

PERSISTENT.

"THAT bill-collector is still downstairs, sir."

"Didn't I tell you to say to him that I died quite suddenly half an hour ago?"

"Yes, sir; but he says he would like a few moments' conversation with the corpse."

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"PAPA, have you ever made a century run?"
 "Yes, the day I taught your mother to ride a wheel."



GILBERT PARKER'S RECENT STORIES.

A NEW author usually gains his first popular recognition through some one character who takes hold of the imagination; so that ever after, when you think of that author, you immediately associate him with what is far more real to you—the character that he created out of nothing. This applies to all grades of fiction writing—from *Dr. Jekyll* to *Molly Bawn*.

Gilbert Parker has written half a dozen books since "Pierre and his People," but when you think of Parker you also think of *Pierre*. It is therefore a pleasure to have *Pierre* reappear in a new volume of collected short stories—"An Adventurer of the North" (Stone & Kimball). To any one who loves the woods and the odd people that adventures in the wilderness bring together, these tales have a fascination of their own—a charm that no one who has not shot rapids with an Indian or listened to his tales by the camp-fire at night, can hope fully to realize. But there remains enough



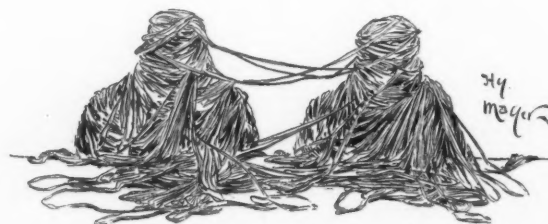
dramatic quality in these stories to interest of itself those benighted people who never slept on balsam boughs or tramped a muddy portage.

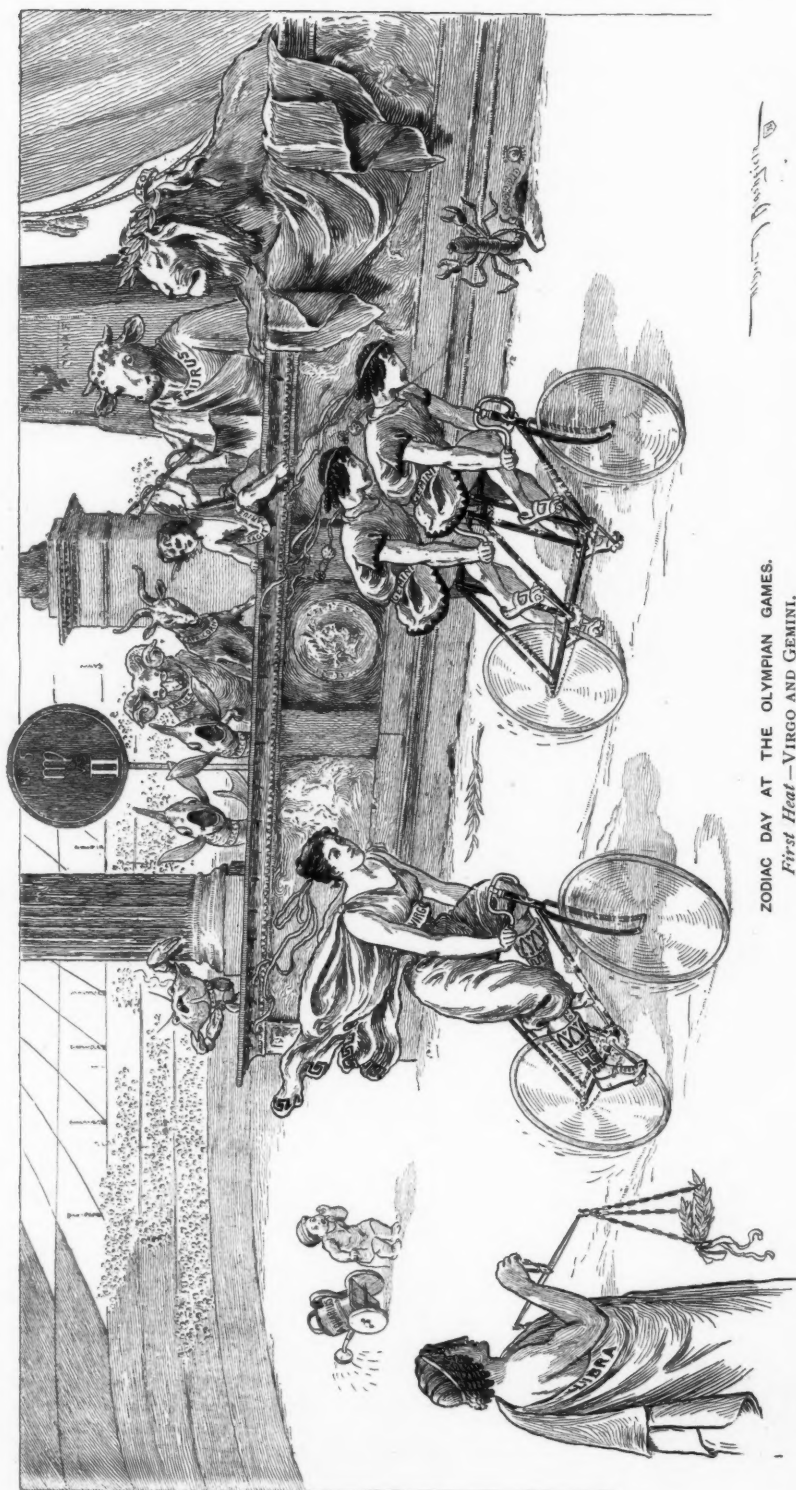
The charm of *Pierre* himself is his fine air of being a citizen of the world—of seeing through the accidents of the wildest, most barbaric life, to the fine vein of human nature that is common alike to the son of an English lord



THE X-RAY DOCTOR.

Anxious Mother: OH, DOCTOR, WE MISSED ONE OF OUR SILVER SPOONS, AND, AS BABY HAS BEEN VERY CROSS ALL DAY, WE WANT YOU TO LOOK THROUGH HIM AND SEE IF HE HAS IT IN HIM!





ZODIAC DAY AT THE OLYMPIAN GAMES.
First Heat—VIRGO AND GEMINI.

on the Mounted Police and the laziest, most disreputable half-breed who loafs around a Company Post.

Mr. Parker is rarely humorous, but "The Cruise of the Ninety-Nine" in this volume is as fantastic as even Mr. Stockton might wish. The blowing up of a keg of smuggled liquor in the cellar of the church at the very minute when the smuggler himself is being confirmed, is a touch of the grotesque that would make Hamlin Garland laugh in his most solemn moments.

THAT Mr. Parker has also learned how to write a sustained novel of breadth and intensity is shown by his recently published historical romance, "The Seats of the Mighty" (Appleton). The siege of Quebec has long been waiting for the romantic mind and skilful hand, and that Mr. Parker (a descendant of British soldiers) should have been born in Quebec makes him peculiarly the right man for the opportunity. As a character, *Doltair* will appeal to the dramatic instincts of lovers of good fiction. He is mingled of *Richelieu* and *Iago*, but can stand alone. There is a fascinating woman in the story—the subtle *Alix*—and it is a true stroke to make her susceptible to *Doltair's* intellectual finesse, while detesting his personality. The hero of the story, who is supposed to write the narrative, wins one's sympathies but hardly one's admiration. There is a certain reticence in his narrative about himself that well becomes a brave man.

It is to be spoken to Mr. Parker's credit that he is not blind to the possibilities for romance of this new continent. *Droch.*

THE hilarity of young Harvard over a recent victory of its ball nine over Princeton culminated in a small riot in Harvard Square and police court exercises next morning. Princeton ought to feel highly honored. It was not always an event of such egregious magnitude for Harvard to win a game from her.

IT is pleasant to notice that the royal family of Great Britain is beginning to get into our Mr. Waldorf Astor's set.]



AN AMBASSADOR'S BALL IN THE

LIFE •



ALL IN THE DAYS TO COME.

The Seven Stages

ALL the world's a rink,
And all the men and women merely bikers.
They have their exits and their entrances,
And one man in his course breaks many parts.

At first the Novice,
Wobbling and trembling in the instructor's
arms;

And then the groaning Layman, with his sling
And bruised mourning face, creeping like snail
Unwillingly to bed; And then the Enthusiast,
Panting like Cerebus, with a bicycle expression,
But bound to get there. Then a Scorcher,
Full of strange oaths and clothed with many
checks,

Jealous of others, sudden and quick in falling,
Seeking the biking reputation even in the
ambulance.

And then the Justice, his fair round body in
good tweed clothes arrayed,

With eyes severe and nose and brow much cut,
Full of wise rules and wheeling instances,
And so he plays his part. The sixth age shifts
Into the lean and gaitered Pantaloon,

With spectacles on nose and sprain on side;
His youthful hose well saved, a world too wide
For his shrunk shank, and his big, manly voice,
Turning again to childish treble, pipes and
whistles in its sound.

Last scene of all that ends this strange eventful
history,

To second childishness in pure enthusiasm,
Sans teeth, *sans* eyes, *sans* legs, *sans* every-
thing.





TRIAL OF THE SPORT.

NOT WITHIN HER PROVINCE.

YOUNGER SISTER. Say, Ethel, how does a real live lord make love?
"You'll have to ask Papa, dear."

LIEUTENANT TOTTEN says the planets are all getting in line on the same side of the sun, and threaten to pull the great central fire out of plumb and make extremely bad times both in this world and the next.

We are sorry, Lieutenant, but we cannot help you in this matter. You would better see Mr. Hanna, of Cleveland.

A BOY TO BE PROUD OF.

MRS. DOLAN: My boy Dinny is gittin' to be a great Sunday-school worker, bless the heart av um.

MRS. NOLAN: Indade?

"Yis. He has worked t'ree av thim fer free excursions already."

THE golf cap has driven the yachting cap out to sea where it belongs. That is another good thing about golf. How dreadful it would have been to see this year's great army of bicyclists topped off like yachtsmen!

RARE.

BLEACH, and the girls bleach with you, Paint, and the others will;
And it's O for the sight of a real brunette
When the fashion is bleaching still!

THE ADVANCE OF HUMAN INGENUITY.

LIFE has never until lately appreciated what a boon was conferred upon humanity by the type-setting machine. It is now in general use in the daily newspaper offices, and our heart throbs with gratitude to the inventor when we read an important and thrilling dispatch like the following:

Washington, D. C., June 5.—In the Senate to-day Mr. Morgan (Dem., Ala.) asked for women. They have desired them to be attractive and amusing—the wife, the mother, has been chosen on purely utilitarian grounds; affection has had little to do with the marriage

The vastness is so great that it is even oppressive as well as impressive. One would last to the possibility of pre-
for the venders of such articles to realize that for the venders of such articles to realize that for the venders of such articles to realize that their form might be altered for the better, as the heaviness which was needed where a tube was necessary was out of place when a thin wire replaced the tube.

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INDEPENDENCE.

He: HORTENSE VASELINE DEBRIS, FROM THIS HOUR HENCEFORWARD FORTH WE AINT TO EACH OTHER WHAT WE WUZ A WEEK AGO. I BRAND YER AS A FLIRT AN' A CROQUETTE!

She (haughtily): AS YOU PLEASE, REGINALD OVERTON. THERE ARE OTHERS!

SONG OF MYSELF.

[After Walt Whitman, maybe by the President of the Metropolitan Traction Company and Society for Nervous Prostration.]

I CELEBRATE myself, I am onto myself,
 And the damage done I shall assume,
 For every nerve belonging to me is as good as belongs to you.
 I loaf and ride in a cab,
 And lean and loaf and watch the others slaughtered:
 Hoping to cease not until death.
 Women and children in abeyance
 Waving in vain, others inside, with men cursing at me, packed like
 sardines in a box,
 I watch with sinister look and laugh in my sleeve:
 Gripmen unchecked I laugh at, glad that I am here.
 I have heard what the people were saying and it moves me not.
 I do not talk, for I have nothing to say.
 I am satisfied: I see, dance, laugh
 In secret at the carnage for which I am responsible, at the cable cars
 with their lines of victims.
 Shall I postpone my exquisite joy for a moment to help a fellow-man
 That he in turn may lend me thanks?
 Nay, nay, there are too many people already on earth to suit Me,
 The insatiable, the quenchless—not by a d. s.
 Trippers and askers surround me,
 Remaining members of families, and people on my line who have
 been maimed for life:
 These come to me day and night and go from me again
 All on a hopeless quest. Ha! Ha!
 I am Vreeland, the silent, the terrible,
 I am indeed a daisy, calm and immovable as a Central Park statue.

H. H. Vr-l-n-d.



"WHY, THAT IS PROFESSOR SAWYER WHO USED TO VIVISECT US TO MAKE HIS LECTURES INTERESTING."



"IS IT CORRECT, MAMMA, TO CALL SERVANTS 'HELP'?"
"NO, MY DEAR. THAT TERM IS OBSOLETE."



AN old-time Southern politician tells the following:
 "When Lincoln first came to Washington, I went to see him, so prejudiced against him beforehand that no man with less genius could have overcome it. I left the first interview, his friend. No man ever came under the charm of Lincoln's personality without respecting him and, if permitted, loving him. One day, after we had become fairly good friends, I told him of my early prejudice. 'Mr. Lincoln,' I said, 'I had heard every mean thing about you except one. I never heard that you were too fond of the pleasures of life.' Mr. Lincoln sat for a moment stroking his cheek thoughtfully, and then he drawled out in his peculiar Western voice:

"That reminds me of something a boy said to me when I was about ten years old. Once in a while my mother used to get some sorghum and some ginger and mix us up a batch of gingerbread. It wasn't often, and it was our biggest treat. One day I smelled it and came into the house to get my share while it was hot. I found she had baked me three gingerbread men, and I took them out under a hickory-tree to eat them. There was a family near us that was a little poorer than we were, and their boy came along as I sat down. 'Abe,' he said, edging close, 'gimme a man.' I gave him one. He crammed it into his mouth at two bites and looked at me while I bit the legs from my first one. 'Abe' he said, 'gimme that other'n.' I wanted it, but I gave it to him, and as it followed the first one I said: 'You seem to like gingerbread.' 'Abe,' he said earnestly, 'I don't s'pose there's anybody on this earth likes gingerbread as well as I do,' and drawing a sigh that brought up crumbs, 'I don't s'pose there's anybody gets less of it.'"—*Facts and Fiction.*

"WILLIE, didn't I ask you to make less noise?" said Mrs. Still at the dinner table.

"Yes, you did, mamma."

"Well, I will have to ask you again."

"Remember, mamma, you told me it was impolite to ask for anything twice at the table."—*Yonkers Statesman.*

"YOU must like prunes, Mr. Bolton? I notice you always take them."

"No, I hate them; but if I don't eat them to-day they will come back to me as prune pie to-morrow."—*Chicago Record.*

FINANCIER: You literary men haven't the first idea about business. Here you have about 10,000 manuscripts piled up in this dark closet, and you say they are all paid for.

EDITOR GREAT MAGAZINE: Years ago.
 "Just think of it! Hasn't it ever occurred to you, sir, that you are losing the interest on all the money you paid out for those useless bundles?"

"Huh! You financiers haven't the first idea about literature. Every one of those manuscripts is from a different author, and the whole 10,000 of them will go on buying our magazine at 35 cents a copy until the articles are printed."—*New York Weekly.*

WEARY WAGGLES: An ter t'ink we skipped that free concert las' night!

DUSTY RHODES: W'y?

"Dis here paper says de music was intoxicatin'."—*New York Press.*



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AN Irishman and a Frenchman were disputing over the nationality of a friend of theirs. "I say," said the Frenchman, "that if he was born in France he is a Frenchman." "Begorra," said Pat, "if a cat should have kittens in the oven would you call them biscuits."—*Toronto Christian Guardian.*

HE: So you visited Pompeii?

SHE: Oh, yes.

"How did you like it?"

"Well, I must say I was awfully disappointed in the place. Of course, it was beautifully located and all that, but it was so dreadfully out of repair."—*Washington Star.*

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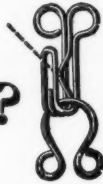
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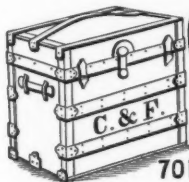
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